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| PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) | | Atty. Docket Number: 500.45682X00 |
| Mail Stop: AMEND - FEE | In re Application of: K. AOTA, et al. | |
| | Application Number: 10/560,225 | Filed: December 12, 2005 |
| For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD | | |
| | Group Art Unit: 1725 Confirm. No: 2697 | Examiner: Lynne Renee Edmondson |

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) | \$450.00 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1,590.00 |
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- ☐ Applicant/inventor
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71
- ☐ Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)
- ☒ **attorney or agent of record**
- ☒ **attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34**

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